

I live in a small community called Lompoc in California. This little city is located in a valley just off the coast. It is not possible to adequately get Television reception via antenna so the only choice residents have is cable Television.

Unfortunately for the residents of Lompoc this means that we are left at the whim of Comcast Cable Co. There is no competition unless you consider satellite competition, which I don't since I value getting my local stations. Recently Comcast raised their rates and now I can choose between paying nearly \$100.00 per/mo for my cable or seriously trimming back my service. I used to be a Federal Officer working at the local Federal Prison here just outside of town. After I suffered injuries on the job that left me home disabled, Television has become very important to me.

I implore you to have this matter investigated. There must be solutions to the problem that can be implemented. Perhaps a cap on Comcast's rates, or find a way to open our market to fair competition so that we would at least have a choice of services and rates. Trust me, Comcast just recently went digital in Lompoc so there is no reason why they can't share the market.

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